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UNION DEPOT HOTEL

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Dear Miss Kate,

I was very much pleased to find your letter forwarded to me to Purcell. I attended at once to your request to the Odanah matter. I bought at Lawrence Kans. horses, farming implements etc. and shipped all in one car direct to Pawhuska which is the cheapest and no delay. I saw Miss Allen. She is well and doing good, but desired a transfer to another Indian school. I consoled her with the promise that I would consult you first and then get her transferred, which I will do, if you wish it, but we have to make a prudent choice. I held a conference with the Prefect Apostolic, Very Rev. Ignace O. S. B., and very Rev. Thomas O. S. B. and demanded emphatically the removal of Rev. Felix O. S. B. from Pawhuska and to place an energetic priest there. After a stubborn resistance they agreed to make the change. The Sisters do very well and are highly respected and beloved. Their school at St. Louis & St. Johns are not only crowded but packed full. At Purcell, where Very Rev. Ignace resides, is only vegetation. The Sisters do all what is in their power to make it a success, but the Benedictines on the Ind. Ter. are a lazy shiftless set.

When I return to Washington I shall make St. Elisabeth a success
to. I laid my plans for it and it must be done. The full particu-
lars I shall state verbally. - Your judgement about Wash.
& the Bureau is correct and I see no other way out. Then I must
remain in harness at Washington this winter and pull matters
through, although my health needs other purer air than
I get in Washington; yet I shall sacrifice all, as a
Christmas gift to our heavenly mother, to do Gods holy will.
✓ Matters at St. Josephs are a gnawing worm on my mind
but trust in the Lord that Christmas will bring a change
for the better. - I am really too tired to write much. I
shall go to Chicago and buy for the Sisters at St. Louise
St. John & St. Elisabeth what they actually need and
rest a few days and then go to my prison (Washington)
again and serve out my term of strict penance untill
the 4th of March. Maybe I am sentenced then for an-
other term. I shall hurry up to reach Washington between
Christmas & New years.

May the star of Bethlehem guide and lead you, your
good Sisters and the new members of your families, M. Morrell
to a happy - yes! many happy Christmas and may the
Infant Jesus give you the Christmas gift of perseverance
in the service of God with all his blessings. This is the
sincere prayer of

Yours

Remember me to Miss
Cassidy & Mrs. Jenkins.

in the Sacred Hearts
J. A. Stephan,

(direct at 411. LaSalle Ave.)